

Child Abuse Statistics: Michigan & National

Michigan¹ (FY2012):

- ☐ There was an increase of the complaints that were investigated: **2001**, 70,784; **2009**, 71,780; **2010**, 78,893; **2011**, 83,627; and **2012**, 91,159.¹
- ☐ In 2012 37% of investigations resulted in evidence of abuse or neglect.¹
- ☐ Of the 91,159 confirmed investigations in 2012 (an increase of 7,532 over 2011), a total of 21,401 complaints were confirmed representing 33,600 identified victims (an increase of 114 over 2011).¹
- ☐ 35% of victims were under the age of four.¹
- ☐ In approximately 86 percent of all cases, the perpetrator is the parent (biological, adoptive, putative or step-parent).¹
- ☐ Since the first year that the Five Category Disposition data became available (FY2002), the distribution of investigation dispositions has remained consistent. Twenty-two to twenty-seven percent are category I, II, or III (confirmed - preponderance of evidence), and 72 to 78 percent are category IV or V (no preponderance of evidence). In FY 2012 those percentages were 25 and 75, respectively.¹
- ☐ In a study by Caldwell & Noor (2005), costs of child abuse in Michigan were estimated at \$1,827,694,855. The costs of prevention are a fraction of the costs of abuse. Cost savings ranged from 96% to 98% depending on the prevention model tested.²

Nationally³: (FY2011)

- ☐ An estimated 676,569 children were victims of maltreatment.³
- ☐ An estimated 3 million children received a CPS investigation or assessment.³
- ☐ An estimated 1,545 children in 2011 (compared to 1,825 children in 2010) died from abuse or neglect.³
- ☐ During 2011, 78.5 percent of victims experienced neglect, 17.6 percent were physically abused, 9.1 percent were sexually abused, and 10.3 percent of victims experienced various forms of psychological maltreatment, such as threatened abuse, parent's drug/alcohol abuse, etc. Because a victim may have suffered from more than one type of maltreatment, every maltreatment type was counted, which is why the percentages total to more than 100.0.³
- ☐ For 2011, approximately 81.2 percent of victims were maltreated by a parent either acting alone or with someone else, nearly 36.8 percent were maltreated by their mother acting alone, 19 percent were maltreated by their father acting alone, 18.9 percent maltreated by both parents, and 12.8 percent were maltreated by a perpetrator who was not a parent of the child.
- ☐ The consequences of child abuse cost the country at least \$124 billion annually, costing the average American family approximately \$1,400 each year.⁴

¹ MI Department of Human Services' "Children's Protective Services 2013 Trends Report Summary." Please see the report (included in the CAP Month Toolkit) for additional statewide and historical data.

² Caldwell, R. & Noor, I. (2005). "The Costs of Child Abuse vs. Child Abuse Prevention: A Multi-year Follow-up in Michigan."

³ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' "Child Maltreatment 2011." The report can be accessed at the following URL: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/child-maltreatment-2011>.

⁴ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Child Welfare Information Gateway.

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/long_term_consequences.cfm>

* Child Help, <http://www.childhelp.org/pages/statistics>